C.R.P.F.; in addition, there are 2 Mahila Battalions in C.R.P.F. comprising of 2639 women personnel.

(c) and (d) The Central Government advise the State Government and CPMF's from time to time to ensure that the Police Force conduct themselves in a humane manner and are sensitive and tactful in handling women demonstrators.

Shelters for the old age persons during winter

808. MISS MABEL REBELLO : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 2000 people died of severe winter in North India;

(b) if so, whether Government have any plan to build shelters for the old particularly during winter;

(c) whether Government have any plan to give warm clothes to needy people during winters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Many parts of the Northern India underwent severe cold wave conditions during the current winter season and deaths due to cold wave were reported in a number of States. Detailed information regarding this has been asked for from the States and is awaited.

(b) to (d) The State Governments concerned are responsible for relief and rehabilitation including providing shelters and warm clothes to the affected people. Information regarding the relief measures taken by the States has been asked for and is awaited from the States.

Dacoities in Delhi

809. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied the contents of the news-item captioned "Swaroop Nagar main dus gharo mein dakaiti" and "Dakaito ne

kahar barpaya" appearing in *Rashtriya Sahara and Amar Ujala*, Delhi on 3rd and 4th February, 2003 respectively;

(b) whether Government have analyzed such law and order situation prevailing in the national capital city itself; and

(c) if so, what concrete steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The steps taken by Delhi Police to improve the law and order situation in the National Capital Territory of Delhi include, *inter-alia*, intensification of beat patrolling; posting of armed pickets at strategic points, strengthening of intelligence network; close watch on and frequent raids at the suspected hide-outs of criminals; verification of antecedents of domestic servants; increased surveillance on history sheeters; coordination meeting with officers of neighbouring States; meetings with members of Residents Welfare Associations; and deployment of police personnel in plain clothes in running buses market places, business places and other crime-prone places.

Task force to face natural calamities

†810. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that our country is vast, having hills, deserts and rivers and surrounded with sea where any natural calamity may struck in any part of country every year;

(b) if so, whether Government have constituted such trained and organised task force at district level which could be capable in dealing with excess rainfall, hailstorm, land sliding, flood and earthquake like natural calamities; and

(c) if so, the names of the States where such task force have been set up?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.